II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a ~~nucleotide~~ polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) ~~a nucleotide~~ polynucleotide sequence ~~as set forth in~~ SEQ ID NO: 1; ~~and~~

(b) a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide sequence SEQ ID NO: 2; and

~~(b)~~(c) a nucleotide sequence complementary to (a) or (b).

25. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, wherein one or more of the codons in said SEQ ID NO: 1 are replaced with a degenerate codon.

26. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises one or more functionally neutral sense mutations ~~that do not alter the enolase polypeptide activity~~ wherein the changes in the polynucleotide sequence do not alter the encoded enolase polypeptide or its activity.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising nucleotides encoding a protein with the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) ~~the nucleotide~~ a polynucleotide ~~sequence as set forth in~~ SEQ ID NO: 3;

(b) a ~~nucleotide~~ polynucleotide sequence encoding ~~the~~ a polypeptide sequence ~~as set forth in~~ SEQ ID NO: 4; and

(c) a ~~nucleotide~~ polynucleotide sequence complementary to (a) or (b).

32. (Currently Amended) A vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid ~~of any one of claims 24-31~~ of any one of claims 24-26, 28 or 31.

33. (Currently Amended) The vector of ~~claim 35~~ claim 32, wherein said vector is an expression vector.

34. (Currently Amended) [[A]] An isolated host cell ~~comprising~~ transformed with the vector of claim 32.